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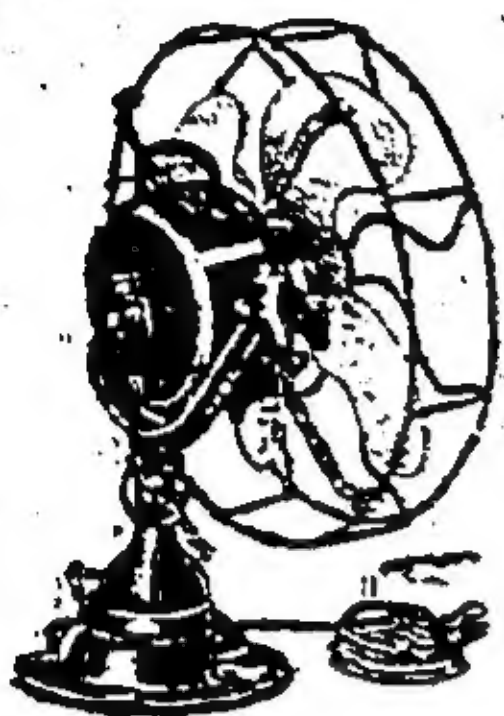
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

SILESIAN SITUATION IMPROVED.

OCCUPATION OF THE RUHR NOW UNNECESSARY.

GERMANS RAISE THE ECONOMIC BOYCOTT.

LONDON, May 24.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. Austen Chamberlain stated that it was contemplated if possible to increase the force of four British battalions ordered to Upper Silesia from the Rhine. The ministers of the three Allies had in concert made urgent representations at Warsaw.

PARIS, May 24.

The Chamber of Deputies was packed to hear the statement of M. Briand who emphasised that France wanted loyal execution of the Treaty. France never intended to give Poland territories which should revert to Germany. He was fully agreed with Mr. Lloyd George on that point.

FRENCH PREMIER INTERVIEWED.

PARIS, May 24.

M. Briand, interviewed, declared that the situation in Upper Silesia had materially improved. There was now no need for occupation of the Ruhr. M. Briand dwelt on Poland's historic rights in Upper Silesia and attributed German success at the polls partly to the fact that the Germans had brought back 180,000 voters for the purpose of the plebiscite. He admitted that soldiers had not always had qualifications on which to base a just appreciation of the Treaty but the decision would be reached in accordance with the experts' report. M. Briand was satisfied with Herr Wirth's sincerity and he intended to follow a policy of maintenance of the entente.

GERMANY'S PRACTICAL AID.

LONDON, May 24.

Germany's reply to M. Briand's note reiterates her intention not to allow free corps of troops to proceed to Upper Silesia, but points out, that she has no influence over the purely self-defence organisation in Upper Silesia which was created under the administration of the inter-Allied Commission. The note declares that as a result of Lord D'Abernon's representations, Germany is endeavouring to ease the situation in a practical manner and is now sending money and foodstuffs to the occupied zone.

BRITISH ATTITUDE DEFENDED.

LONDON, May 24.

With reference to Paris reports that the British Government failed to join in the French Government's representation to Germany as regards Upper Silesia, it is authoritatively stated that the British Government from the outset has done everything to impress the German Government with the serious consequences that would result from incursion of German bands into the disturbed area. British representations had been very successful, as besides issuing two stern proclamations, the German Government had now agreed in principle to raise the economic boycott and permit the dispatch of money and food to the disturbed area.

INSURGENTS ILL-TREAT BRITISH MAJOR.

The British Government has demanded an apology from the Polish insurgents for the ill-treatment of Major Powell (employed by the inter-Allied Commission) whom the insurgents arrested and treated with the greatest indignity, compelling him to travel fourth class with German prisoners and even threatening to shoot him. Major Powell has been released.

THE NEXT PAYMENT.

LONDON, May 24.

The 150 millions next to be paid by Germany to the Reparations Committee are composed of ten millions gold marks and 140 millions foreign money that Germany shall exchange for dollars. Discussion concerning the following payments will continue with the Reparations Committee.

ABOLITION OF WAR.

WHAT THE BRITISH EMPIRE CAN DO.

EMPIRE DAY ORATIONS.

LONDON, May 24.

The possibility of the British Empire eventually abolishing war was the theme of speeches made at a dinner at the Colonial Institute to celebrate Empire Day. Sir Henry Wilson, presiding, declared that many people had attempted to make empires and had succeeded up to a point. The British Empire had passed all points in 1914 by the unprecedented rush of loyal hearts and willing hands. Nevertheless we had a still higher destiny. The aim of the Empire should be based on justice, mercy and truth. To rise to such a position would enable us to say, "There shall be no war."

The Earl of Meath warned the people to eschew ignorance and selfishness. Nothing else could bring the downfall of the Empire.

Sir Edgar Walton, High Commissioner for South Africa, doubted whether the forthcoming premiers' conference would succeed in putting the bonds of empire in constitutional form. The peoples were already closely cemented and unity did not depend on what was put down on paper.

A NOVEL FEATURE.

LONDON, May 24.

A novel feature of the Empire Day celebrations was the lectures given at a number of schools by telegraph officials on imperial telegraphic and wireless communications, including the proposed wireless China.

A thousand City of London school-children assembled at the Guildhall sent a message of comradeship and goodwill to school-children in the Dominions.

OIL FOR THE NAVY.

SPECIAL STATION AT HONGKONG.

LONDON, May 24.

In the House of Commons, during the debate on the Navy vote, Commander Eyres-Monsell, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, emphasised the superiority of oil fuel compared with coal. He declared that the fleet would soon consist entirely of oil-burning ships. It was proposed to establish a main Admiralty oil reserve in Britain with installations around the coast. Special stations were being planned for the Cape of Good Hope, the Falklands, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Port Said, and other places.

Mr. Cecil Harcourt, questioned, declared that the Anglo-Persian agreement was regarded as having definitely lapsed.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/5 5/8

To-day's opening rate 2/5 5/8

ROOF COLLAPSES.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPES.

BURIED PEOPLE RESCUED.

There was much excitement in Pottinger Street about 3.40 this morning when the roof of No. 30a suddenly collapsed. The police were promptly on the scene, followed immediately afterwards by the fire brigade and Sanitary Board coolies with ambulances and dead carts. From enquiries made amongst those who had miraculously escaped from death, it was learned that three people were still buried under the debris. Rescue work was immediately undertaken, and after some strenuous digging, all three were brought out still alive. Two suffered injuries which necessitated their removal to the hospital, while the other was fortunate enough to escape with only a few bruises. He did not go to hospital. From enquiries made later in the day, it was learned that the condition of the two injured persons is not serious, and they will be fit for discharge from hospital in a few days' time. Shoring work is in progress.

About 8 a.m. yesterday a portion of the back wall of No. 53, Elgin Street suddenly collapsed and fell into 'Caine Road. Fortunately no one was injured. The collapse of the wall weakened the support of the roof, and the house was immediately vacated. Shoring work was promptly undertaken under instructions from the P. W. D. and the roof was made safe.

HONGKONG'S UP-TO-DATENESS.

LATEST MEAT MARKET STUNT.

ROASTS RUSHED ALONG ELECTRICALLY.

Hongkong, although quietly behind the age in some respects, is astonishingly and admirably up-to-date in others. The latest enterprise in connection with the transportation of the city's meat supplies from the abattoirs to the markets. Ever notice the ramshackle box carts, sort of inefficient fly traps, in which it has hitherto been conveyed?

Romantic things, very. Noah's ark on wheels. Could be sentimentally regarded for old acquaintance's sake. But unhygienic, very. Supplanted, now, they are, by electric motor vehicles. Yes, indeed! The new vehicles are quite handsome contraptions with white enamelled insides and Khaki painted outsides. They are 2 1/2 ton Hallfords and two of them have been bought from Messrs. Hall & Co. of Darford at a figure which puts the landed cost somewhere between £1,100 and £1,200. They have a chain drive and the chassis is after the pattern of the Army motor lorries.

Ventilators, fitted with wire gauze, have been let in along the sides of the roomy wooden bodies and the meat will be hung from the roof on hooks. There will be accommodation for 22 carcasses in each van.

They are to be used chiefly for the transport of beef. Many there are who will welcome joyfully this announcement that the juggernauts which formerly did service are to be banished from the streets forever. Clumsy and unwieldy as a tank out of control their habit of monopolising the entire roadway has formed the theme for as much profanity as concentrated in one unified force, would one imagine, not only shift Morrison Hill into the harbour but shift it back again as well. And just how much they messed up the street surface and tram tracks a glance at the Praya West will show.

Although the new meat lorries de Luxe have actually arrived here it will be a week or so before they make their first official appearance in the streets. In the meantime the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon (Mr. W. J. E. MacKenzie), who has the thing in hand, will be busily engaged in training drivers for the vehicles and arranging a time-table for them to run to.

Under the new scheme a beast, once it has received its passport to oblivion, from the examining Inspector at Kennedy Town, will be slaughtered, dressed, hung up in the van and whirled away to the Central Market within the space of an hour. At present it takes nearer two hours. There will be a special run provided for taking the Government contractor's meat straight away from the market for consumption by the Army and Navy.

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Permits for inspection will be issued on application at the Auctioneers.

Ship may not be viewed without permit.

Transit - Coal.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers to the Government.

Hongkong, May 20, 1921.

INTIMATIONS.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

THE Management beg to announce that the WEST WING EXTENSION and the new GARAGE will be completed during the month of June, 1921.

The Management, having received numerous applications for monthly quotations from local residents who are not owners of private cars, have decided to allocate a limited number of rooms for this purpose, and now beg to announce the following inclusive rates:-

Two (2) persons occupying one double room with private bath, covering attendance, meals (which may be taken either at the Repulse Bay Hotel or at the Hongkong Hotel, Main Dining Room) and transportation, i.e. one trip in and out each day during specified hours (excluding Sundays and Public Holidays) \$500 per month for two persons.

Four (4) persons occupying two double rooms with private bath, covering attendance, meals (which may be taken either at the Repulse Bay Hotel or at the Hongkong Hotel, Main Dining Room) and transportation, i.e. one trip in and out each day during specified hours (excluding Sundays and Public Holidays) \$450 per month for two persons.

The difference in rates above quoted is explained as follows:- The rate of \$500, is for two persons in one car, and the second quotation of \$450, covers cases where four persons are prepared to share one car for transportation.

No extra charge to residents will be made in connection with the regular Tea and Dinner Dainties or entertainments held at the Repulse Bay Hotel.

Monthly residents will also be entitled to the free use of the individual bathing tents on the beach.

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J. H. TAGGART,

Manager.

Hongkong, May 19, 1921.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Proposal To Change Steamer's Name.

I, H. M. H. NEMAZEE of Hongkong, hereby give notice that in consequence of an undertaking to that effect in the Bill of Sale and for the sake of uniformity in the names of the steamers of my fleet I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of The Merchant Shipping Act 1894 in respect of the ship "BURRUM-BERT" of Hongkong Official No. 91,487 of gross tonnage 2420 tons register tonnage 1561 tons heretofore and at present owned by myself for permission to change her name to "BALISTAN" and to have her registered in the new name at the port of Hongkong, as owned by myself.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days, from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hongkong this 20th day of May, 1921.

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Dated at Hongkong this 20th day of May, 1921.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 48th ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, May 27th, 1921, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1920, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 14th May to 27th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

Hongkong, May 5, 1921.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 50th ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, May 27th, 1921, at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1920, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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General Manager.

Hongkong, May 5, 1921.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 32nd ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, May 27th, 1921, at 12.45 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1920, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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C. MONTAGUE EDE,

General Manager.

Hongkong, May 5, 1921.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 31st May, 1921, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1921.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of May, to TUESDAY, the 31st day of May, 1921, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

Hongkong, May 24, 1921.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

we have THIS DAY appointed

CHARLES E. RICHARDSON our

Hongkong Agent, Mr. RICHARDSON

will handle all matters pertaining

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by FRANK WATERHOUSE & COMPANY,

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H. W. BURCHARD,

Local Manager.

Hongkong, May 23, 1921.

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Japanese Photographers.

We have removed our premises to No. 24, Queen's Road, D.

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be held at the CITY

HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY,

the 28th day of May, 1921, at NOON,

for the purpose of considering and if thought fit of passing the following resolutions:-

1. That the Directors of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Company to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council to effect the amendments necessary to effect the Ordinance under which the Company is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the capital of the Company being from time to time increased from 20 millions of dollars the present authorised capital of the Company to 50 millions of dollars.

2. That the Capital of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation be forthwith increased from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 by the creation of 40,000 New Shares of \$125 each to be issued at the price of £70 on the terms after mentioned. Shareholders on the Eastern Registers to pay for their allotments at the rate of exchange for the Company's demand bills on London on the day on which the instalments are due.

3. That the said New Shares be in the first instance, in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for that purpose, offered to share-

holders in the proportion of one New Share for every three shares of which on the 28th day of May, 1921, Shareholders shall respectively be the registered holders, and that any New Shares not accepted by Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their discretion they shall think best in the interests of the Company.

4. That the payment of the sum of £70 per share for each of the said New Shares be made as follows, viz:-

1st instalment of £35 on the 1st day of July, 1921.

2nd and final instalment of £35 on the 1st day of October, 1921.

5. That the Directors issue to Shareholders, holding shares less than or not a multiple of three, a fractional certificate in respect of each share less than three or in excess of a multiple of three and allot one New Share to every person who shall produce three such Fractional Certificates on or before the 1st day of July, 1921, and pay the first instalment in respect thereof.

6. That after payment of the instalment, and pending payment of the remaining instalment, Scrip Certificates in such form as the Directors may determine be issued in respect of such New Shares entitling the holders on payment of the remaining instalment, and subject to such other terms as to approval, date for lodging scrip certificates and otherwise as the Directors may prescribe, to be registered as the owner of the shares respectively represented by such Scrip Certificates.

7. That interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum be allowed out of the profits of the Company on instalments paid in advance of the dates when the same become due, and that registered holders of Scrip Certificates for New Shares be entitled in respect of such New Shares to participate in future dividends on an equality with the old shares, in proportion to the instalments paid up and from due dates for payment of same.

8. That interest at the rate of 8 per centum per annum be charged on each instalment not punctually paid, and be paid with each such instalment.

9. That all moneys received from premium on the said New Shares be added to the Sterling Reserve Fund.

FOR THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

A. G. STEPHEN,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 28, 1921.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

the Rotterdam Criminal Court

sentenced R. de H. de Masselis, to

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 1921.

THE GOVERNOR'S ERRAND.

Through the Consul at Canton, our Governor is reported to have assured the Cantonese that his trip north, in a warship, had nothing whatever to do with Kwangtung affairs. We published the clipping yesterday, from the *Canton Times*, to that effect. Here is part of the editorial comment from the same paper:

"While expressing regret that the proclamations were couched in terms which he would not have sanctioned, and does not approve, His Excellency adds, however, that these observations relate only to the wording of the notifications and not to the principles involved. In other words Governor Stubbs deprecates the language used but approves of the substance of the proclamations."

We don't know whether this will satisfy the government at Canton. It does not satisfy us. The strict prohibition of celebrations by the Chinese in Hongkong of an event that was celebrated in Singapore and other places needs some explaining. Furthermore, does Governor Stubbs approve of the substance of that paragraph in the other proclamation which has been most injurious to the government in Canton? We refer to the words that state the government of Sun Wen is on the verge of bankruptcy and is about to fall. If a man called another a bankrupt and published the fact broadcast, would it be sufficient apology to say "I regret the language used, but nevertheless, I mean what I said."

We are pleased to learn Governor Stubbs has officially denied that his visit to Peking was in any way connected with the affairs of Kwangtung. Though this statement comes rather late, it will be welcomed by the Chinese who have entertained serious apprehensions regarding this mysterious visit.

Why in the world was it necessary to surround his visit with such absolute secrecy? A plain statement in the beginning would have been sufficient to have put the matter straight.

Our Canton contemporary then indulges in the pardonable boast that by "hammering away" it gained this "victory for publicity." It is not true that "alone it did it," but that does not matter now at all. So far as the *China Mail* is concerned, if the people of Canton are at last persuaded that the Hongkong Government and the British Government are not intruding in a machiavellian way against their interests, we are satisfied. We want all the world to know that the British are now sworn off imperial grabbing, and that any real foundation for such rumours as we protested against is really impossible.

According to the same contemporary, the Canton vernacular papers are highly pleased now, and belatedly needs some explaining. Furthermore, does Governor Stubbs approve of the substance of that paragraph in the other proclamation which has been most injurious to the government in Canton? We refer to the words that state the government of Sun Wen is on the verge of bankruptcy and is about to fall. If a man called another a bankrupt and published the fact broadcast, would it be sufficient apology to say "I regret the language used, but nevertheless, I mean what I said."

Perhaps we may not be considered very unreasonable if we mention that it is not particularly gratifying to us

to have such news of our own Governor's doings—coming to us by way of Canton. It would have been a pleasure to receive, in view of our line of action in the matter, some notification directly from the Administration, concerning its position vis-a-vis the rumours we so forcibly and persistently thrust into the field of its attention.

However—

QUEER DREAM.

There is in Hongkong a man that is studying dreams, and experimenting in them. He finds that by a manipulation of pillows, hard and soft, high and low, and by varying his evening meals, he can exercise a certain control over his dreams, not over their details, but in determining their class. He hopes to contribute something useful to the knowledge and literature of dream psychology, which is at present scant, and adulterated with much untrustworthy material. Here is one of his queer dreams.

He dreamed that he was writing a history of the Constitutional Reform movement in Hongkong, in the 35th century. Ideas, points, phrases, complete periods, came to him as clearly as if awake. He was quite clear about the date—A. D. 3521, for he found himself discussing in a pesantle the tangle of history and tradition and myth from which it would be necessary to select material for a right understanding of the Constitutional Reform movement.

Of the former of it very little that is authentic, he wrote, is known. He discussed the various "lives," and pointed out the discrepancies in the authorities regarding the name, some having it Holiaster, and others Alabook, while one ancient (and contemporary) scribe, Adversarius, whose works we now possess in mutilated and incomplete form, has a much disputed and doubtful passage in which Cartabaster is the name attributed to the founder.

It appears to be quite clear, the dreamer dreamed he wrote that the principles of Constitutional Reform as we now have them are quite unlike those originally enunciated. They were probably for some generations transmitted orally. There are, indeed, references in the fragmentary records of oldest date to orations in a building called the City Hall, which no longer exists, though the site of it is said to be still traceable on Terrace A7 of Peak II, the present location of our new Hall of Euthanasia. There are obvious interpolations in the revised records, prepared in A. D. 2491 by prejudiced scribes appointed by the Committee of Safety, and printed by the Hongkong University Press. It is quite clear, moreover, that at least four clearly defined varieties of Constitutional Reform proposals sprang from the primitive form, and that these, cirum 1830-2000, split into seventeen sub-divisions, all claiming to be pure Constitutional Reform, and denying the validity of the others. The records show that one particular set of Constitutional Reformers were politically squelched by the others in combination, and prohibited by Ordinance until all the Ordinances were abolished (in A. D. 1937) in favour of our present series of Community Requests. It may be pointed out that C. R. 47,301, clause D, para 2, refers to the suppression of the Shaukiwan Primitive Constitutional Reformers, in its request for Tolerance of Opinion—an old request at which we now smile, the manners of the period having rendered it supererogatory. In his annual report, the President of the Affiliated Orders of Communal Requestosophers notes that the S.P.C.R. were definitely restored all rights and freedoms before the Empire was merged in the Eastern Hemispheric Republic, and that their leaders took full advantage of the new tolerance, publishing a propagandist magazine called *The Stone*, and averring at every opportunity that they, and they only, had the key to correct Constitutional Reform. This was especially notable in addresses by their Head Panjandrum to the children, on every 24th of May, a public holiday said to be the anniversary of the first public utterance of the words Constitutional Reform.

Here the dreamer awoke.

The interest taken by Siam in aeronautics and railways is remarkable and highly creditable to her Government, and she has now a larger number of the "newest machines, competent pilots and better aerodromes than any other Asiatic Power, says *Aeronautics*.

The *Malay Mail* bears that there are in the F.M.S. some two or three hundred women from the famine area in China who are willing to undertake domestic service for the mere cost of their food, and observes that what is now wanted is an agency to bring these women into touch with employers. Many who are paying amuse anything up to £45 a month would avail themselves of their services at a reasonable wage.

SPECIAL CABLES.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

SHANGHAI'S BRILLIANT OPENING.

HONGKONG BOWLING WEAK BUT FIELDING SLENDID.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, May 24. The interport cricket match between Hongkong and Shanghai commenced in ideal weather. Shanghai opened brilliantly, making 39 runs for four wickets. Captain Barrett made 133 not out. Ollerdsen split his finger and was caught at 62 by Rumjahn. The Hongkong bowling was weak but the fielding splendid.

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

CHINESE STUDENTS' PROTEST.

THREATENED BOYCOTT OF BRITISH GOODS.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, May 25. The Chinese National Students' Federation has telegraphed to the Premier, Mr. Lloyd George, the Foreign Minister, Parliament, *The Times*, and other newspapers protesting against renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance and threatening to adopt the same attitude towards Britain as towards Japan, namely a boycott etc.

SHANGHAI CRICKET CLUB.

WAR MEMORIAL UNVEILED.

BRITISH CONSUL'S EMOTION.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, May 25. The British Consul, Sir Evered Fraser, K.C.M.G., unveiled the Cricket Club roll of honour in memory of fallen members. Declaring that they played the game to the end, he almost broke down with emotion.

STRAITS MEAT RING.

GOVERNMENT GETS BUSY.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, May 24. The Government has taken steps to import meat from Australia in order to break the local meat ring which has forced up prices in recent years.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The road from Laichuek to Castle Peak, on the mainland, has been closed to traffic as the result of landslides.

It is understood that Mr. Fred Ellis's Estate Agency has acquired a site of 264,500 square feet of building land lying between Nathan and Austin Roads.

The walls of many dilapidated houses and other small buildings of not very substantial construction in Canton have been greatly weakened by the recent heavy rains which have continued for days, as a result many such houses and buildings have tumbled down.

It has been tentatively decided that an interport swimming contest will be held in Hongkong this summer, probably in September. Shanghai and Kobe have agreed to compete. Efforts to this end have been made without effect for several years, and it is hoped the V.R.C.'s enterprise will this time bear fruit.

Japan papers record the death of Mr. John Burnet Maxwell, a student in Japan for upwards of 40 years. Mr. Maxwell came to Japan in 1878 for Messrs. Cornes and Co. At first he was stationed in Yokohama but in 1894 he came to Kobe and has resided there ever since. In 1897 he resigned his position with Messrs. Cornes and started as a broker.

It is announced officially that the Hon. Mr. F. S. James, C.M.G., returned from leave of absence on May 13, and resumed the duties of his appointment as Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements, on the following day when the Hon. Sir William Marison, Kt. Bar., resumed the duties of his appointment as Attorney-General, Straits Settlements.

A correspondent writes to the *Bangkok Times*: "From time to time people are unfortunate enough to be stung by jellyfish, whilst bathing, and perhaps it would not be out of the way to suggest an 'on the spot' remedy. The best remedy is to treat the sting similarly to a burn, and apply caron oil or some such similar oil to the affected part. Failing this rub the place firmly with a piece of burning rag. These simple remedies will save considerable and useless pain and danger."

THEATRE ROYAL.

MISCHA ELMAN.

A SUPERLATIVE PERFORMANCE.

"It is useless for me to attempt a description of a performance, every phrase of which will be implanted in my memory and on my heart as long as I live." These words used by Hugh Haveris, the English divine and author (himself an expert violinist), after hearing Chopin played by Liszt, would probably express the feelings of the greater portion of the big audience which heard Mischa Elman play in the Theatre Royal last night, when the famous violinist gave a performance in what is possibly the most intimate, the most beautiful, and the most profound of all forms of music. With its already keen anticipation of the unique pleasure offered by a performance by an artist of world reputation only enhanced by last Saturday's unavoidable disappointment, Hongkong was not slow to show the depth of its appreciation. Rarely has there been larger audience in the Theatre Royal, certainly never a more enthusiastic one. The vociferous applause that followed each of the exquisite numbers, rendered the artist at the conclusion of a memorable performance gave conclusive proof that Hongkong can, and does, appreciate good music, even though it might not always fully understand the piece as evidenced last night by several premature bursts of enthusiasm. The programme, which afforded the artist splendid scope for his superb art, was as follows, but to the unbounded delight of the audience Kreisler's enchanting Lieberlied was given as an encore in response to the fervent applause that followed. Sarasate's fascinating Gipsy Songs—

PART I.

Concerto.....Vivaldi.
Allegro, Adagio, Allegro.
Symphony Espagnol.....Lalo.
Allegro non Troppo, Andante, Allegro.

PART II.

Fantasia Faust.....Wieniawsky.
Ave Maria.....Schubert.
Country Dance.....Beethoven-Elman.
Nocturne E flat.....Chopin.
Gipsy Songs.....Sarasate.

With an admirable accompanist at the piano in the person of Mr. Arthur Loesser, Mischa Elman, who appeared to have fully recovered from the effects of his recent unfortunate attack of fever, thrilled his audience by the mastery with which he treated each of the entrancing compositions comprising the programme. The perfect Stradivarius of which he is so justly proud became a living thing under his magic touch, the famous "Elman tone" that makes his art unique among violinists, manifesting itself in all its fullness of volume and sensuous richness of quality. Truly amazing was the extraordinary nicety of his technique, a wonderful feature of his playing that combines with the innate beauty of his art to give an interpretation bringing out all the beauty of the shape and detail, the depth of loveliness, the richness of harmony, or the vivacity of rhythm intended by the genius of the individual composer.

Owing to last Saturday's concert having been cancelled, Mischa Elman has decided to give a farewell performance on Saturday evening, in addition to the concert on Friday.

A CANTON UNIVERSITY.

TEMPORARY SITE SECURED.

Messrs. Wang Ching-wai and Wu Chi-wei, two prominent educationalists, and ex-Governor Hu Han-min, an able Chinese scholar, have been entrusted with the important task of founding a university to be called the University of Kwangtung. The establishment of the University is under the direction of the Provincial Educational Association. The temporary site of the proposed university will be situated at the Yuh Chi Kong near the East Gate until a suitable piece of ground has been selected for the permanent buildings of the University. Entrance examination for admission to the Preparatory Course will be held on July 1 at the former Language School.

General Li Fook-lum whose headquarters are at present located at the Language School, heartily approves the founding of this University and has volunteered to move his headquarters elsewhere so that the examination of students can be conducted on July 1.—*Canton Times*.

A Chinese living at No. 89 Queen's Road West, has reported to the police that between 3 and 8 a.m. yesterday a safe in his house was rifled and 4,765 Hongkong silver dollars were stolen.

CALLOUS FATHER.

CHILD ALLOWED TO DIE.

MAGISTRATE'S STERN REMARKS.

A father who allowed his 3-year old child to die without seeking medical aid was charged before Magistrate Lindsell with having failed to report a case of small pox at No. 23, McGregor Street, Wanchai. Sanitary Inspector Brewer said that he disinfects the house on the 17th. The defendant told him that the child died of fever, and that no doctor attended it. A rash appeared on the child on the 10th, and it was removed to the hospital in a tram car on the 15th. It died a couple of hours later. Dr. G. H. Thomas of the Tung Wah Hospital said that about 1.30 p.m. on the 16th he was called by the hospital attendants to examine a child which had just been brought in. He found a rash on it. The Magistrate: What was it suffering from? Dr. Thomas: In my opinion, small pox. The Magistrate: Could there be any two measures about it? Would any other doctor have called it by any other name? Dr. Thomas: Speaking for myself, it is small pox. Another doctor might call it by another name. Could an ordinary Chinese recognise it? In that particular stage, yes. It should be recognisable three days previous. The child died two hours after admission to hospital. The defendant said that he did not know that the child was suffering from small pox until he took it to the hospital. He had never seen small pox before. The Magistrate: Why did you not call in a doctor? Defendant: I am a newcomer. I did not know where to get one. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$25.

The defendant made an appeal to be let off, but the Magistrate said, "Your child was desperately sick, but you called no doctor, and allowed it to die. I cannot help you."

Inspector Brewer also charged the principal tenant of the second floor of a house in McGregor Street, Wanchai, with a similar offence. The Inspector informed Magistrate Lindsell that when he visited the house on May 17, to disinfect the premises he was informed that the deceased had suffered from fever. He also learned that no doctor had been called in. Further examination elicited the information that a rash appeared on the 12th.

The defendant denied subornly that he told the inspector he had discovered any rash on the deceased on the 12th. The deceased took to his bed with fever on the 7th and died on the 16th. His death was reported in the usual way.

Dr. Scott, superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, said that he examined a body at the mortuary on the 16th and found a small pox rash on the face, eight or nine days old. From his experience, any ordinary person should be able to recognise the rash as small pox.

The defendant said that as the deceased was always covered up, he could not see if he had a rash or not. The Magistrate remarked that so far he had not heard any evidence that the body examined by Dr. Scott was the one removed from the house.

To Dr. Scott: Were there many small pox cases on that day? Dr. Scott: It was the first and only adult case to my knowledge. The Magistrate said that it was essential to prove removal, and on the application of Inspector Brewer, remanded the case for a few days.

Suffering from a cut in the head received from a piece of wood which fell on him from the third floor verandah of a house while he was walking in Queen's Road Central, a Chinese was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. His injury is not serious.

"Elaborate ceremony marked the marriage of the daughter of Liang Shi-yi, whose fabulous wealth has earned him the title of 'The God of Wealth.' She is the favourite daughter of Liang who presented her with many valuable gifts, including 100 shares in each of the two government banks, the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications."

If anybody is looking for an island it may interest him to know that there is one in the market! It is about 500 acres in area, is situated about 30 miles from Singapore and is mostly planted with rubber and coconuts. It is understood that the owners are willing to accept quite a reasonable price below the amount actually spent on cultivation. The island is held on a 75-year lease.

Three deaths from small-pox and two from plague, all Chinese, were reported yesterday, also a non-fatal case of diphtheria, British, and another of plague, Chinese. Last week ten Chinese died from small-pox, five from plague, two from influenza, one from enteric fever, and another from paratyphoid fever. Two non-fatal cases of diphtheria, Portuguese, and two of plague, Chinese, were also reported.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A FRAYER.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—Will you please print the two following items.

(1) A few days ago a mother leapt with her child into the harbour driven to suicide by starvation. Another first threw in her two children and then followed herself with a third. Think of the extremity of anguish to which these poor creatures must have been reduced.

(2) A desire has been expressed that a Pastoral Staff and a Signet Ring should be provided for the use of His Lordship The Bishop of Victoria. The estimated cost is only \$1650.

Oh, God—keep our hearts from bitterness.

\$825 a piece for the poor mothers.

Yours sincerely,

JENNY GEDDES.

OUR UNSUITABLE TRAMS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—I have long been an admirer of the methods whereby our local Tramway Company caters for the comfort of those whose privilege it is to be allowed to travel in their cars; but the time has come, I think, when some appreciative mention should be made publicly as from a grateful member of the community.

Although raining hard this morning, I did not fail to make my usual trip in order to inhale the health giving breezes from below Ship Street, and, mounting on a two-decker, was delighted to find the six seats below, so generously provided, occupied, and the gangway taken up by half a dozen young gentlemen. I say I was delighted, for I prefer to travel on top, and as two ladies in front of me had to insinuate themselves between the unyielding forms of these aforesaid young gentlemen to gain the steps, my pleasurable sensations were further enhanced.

Judge, therefore, of my ecstasy when, arriving at a halt, I found all the seating accommodation—thoughtfully moistened in order to secure a grateful coolth to the amiable part of one's anatomy, and the canvas awning so carefully made fat, bulging with refreshing liquid, that, percolating through, made one long for the society of your talented contributor, Adversarius, who, above all men, appears alone competent to descend faithfully on the charms of a saturated epidemic.

It is true one or two careless people had umbrellas up, and others stupidly seemed rather disgruntled judging by their facial expressions, but, I am sure you will agree with me, the matters I have mentioned are of the things we have to be thankful for in this Colony as stout hearted even if suitably humble Britons.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
WET, BUT HAPPY.
Hongkong, May 25, 1921.

WHY.

DOES "&" MEAN "AND"?

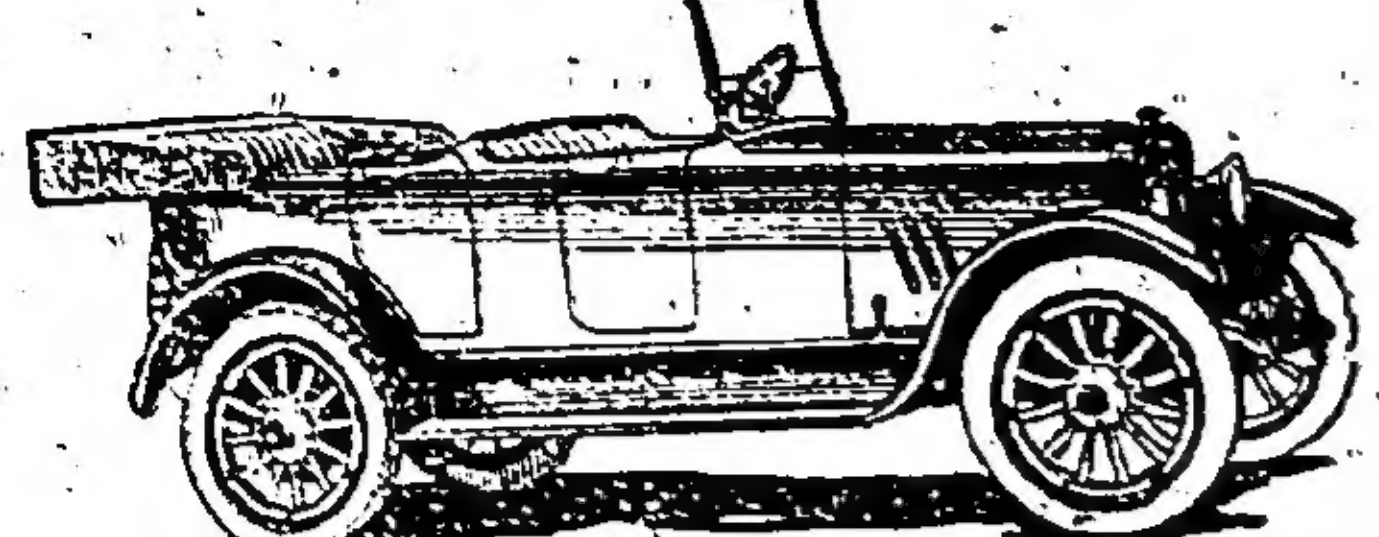
As every schoolboy knows, the Latin equivalent of "and" is "et," and it is from the script form of the letters "e" and "t" that we derive the symbol "&," now generally accepted as an abbreviation of the conjunction.

The original script combination of the two letters was a sort of large "E," bold and flowing, with a short cross bar at the end of the final stroke, this bar resembling the top of the "t," and making the whole symbol resemble a sort of monographic combination of the two. But the early printers, who had to engrave their own type on wood, were unable to reproduce the delicate flourishes of the expert penman, and changed the flowing script into "&," a slight distortion, but one which it was easy to engrave.

Greenough and Kittredge, in their "Words and Their Ways in English Speech," allude to the symbol by saying: "Accounts were kept in Latin down to a pretty recent date. Most striking of all is the sign '&,' which, though merely a short way of writing 'et,' is always called 'and,' and was formerly prefixed to the English alphabet under their designation. The name of the character, however, is 'Ampeand,' a corruption of the phrase 'and per se'—and—literally '& by itself'—and." Practically all dictionaries give 'et' under the name 'Ampeand' though this rather cumbersome name is rapidly falling into disuse."

There passed away at Kenilworth, Mashobra, on May 7, one of the few remaining veterans of the Indian Mutiny, Colonel Sir Alfred Mackenzie, K.C.B., Bengal Cavalry. Colonel Mackenzie received his first commission on September 30, 1854, and served with distinction at the siege and capture of Delhi and at Lucknow. He afterwards took part in the Afghan war, and was with Lord Roberts on his famous march from Kabul to Kandahar.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

Census Humour.

The seemingly dreary task of the census official is not without its compensations, as appears from a number of *howlers* related to an interviewer by a census functionary. Women are temperamentally conscientious objects in the matter of revealing their age, he the penalty what it may. Thus a number of estimated women undiplomatically put down their age at twenty-nine when they will probably never see forty again, one of them reporting herself a year younger in 1911 than she was a decade earlier. Then there was a man who gave his sex as "neutral," because he added plaintively, "my wife says I am not manly enough to be a man and not sensible to be a woman." Another census official humorously described his language as "mostly but not then added parenthetically, 'but not as well as my wife.' A third deplored with refreshing candour that he "could swear in ten languages." The census official was mystified by still another who described his wife as his aunt with a clear conscience, since he had married the sister of his father's second wife.

Hundred Years Ago.

On Wednesday sennight one of these disgraceful transactions, which seem to be suffered with impunity in all parts of the country, took place in the public market at Boston. A man of the name of Wm. Riley, a banker of that place, took his wife to the market cross with a halter round her neck, and there sold her to a person named Cam, of New Bolingbroke for the small sum of one shilling; as a further proof of the little estimation in which she was held by her husband he returned the buyer eleven pence for luck! The purchaser, who has a wife and five children, seems to have made the bargain rather with the hope of "turning a penny" by it than from any predilection for his purchase, as we are informed that he sold her again at Horncastle on Saturday last. (From the *Observer*, February 1821).

Antique Valuations.

The special appointed committee to value the contents of deposits with the Government Bank in Vladivostok has been at work already over a month and is not yet through with its job. Valuation is based on the weight of articles, jeweller Wirth being on the committee states the "Vladivostok Daily News." Amongst the property much old and antique ware has been discovered which would be interesting for museums. A number of articles had ciphered tabs attached and it is presumed they have been taken from some museum. There have been found regimental relics of the 10th Odessa Uhlans regiment, silver trumpet of the Novgorod regiment, old icons, silver trays, articles from the museum of the 9th Kieff Hussar regiment, including articles of the Chief of the regiment King Edward VII, a praiseworthy decree of Peter the Great; silver trumpets, weighing in all 50 lbs., with silver drappings, and inscription "For the war with France 1812, 1813 and 1814 and the pacification of Hungary 1489" etc., etc.

Japanese Naval Activity.

The order which the Japanese Admiralty recently placed with a Sheffield firm for armour plate is nearly completed; the last of the plates will be through the furnace by Whitsuntide. Apparently it is the desire of Japan to make herself independent of outside help in the production of a battleship complete, judging by her recent purchases and inquiries. Recently some of the armament machinery from Sheffield armament works has been sold to Japan, and an inquiry has just been received for a 16,000 tons armour plate bending press. Other significant purchases are of Swedish pig-iron, which is regarded as an essential material in the manufacture of battleship armour and guns. A few days ago the Japanese Admiralty completed the purchase of the third lot of 5,000 tons of Swedish pig-iron this year, and it is understood that further purchases are to be made shortly.

GENERAL ITEMS.

An engineer in New York has perfected a clock that can be corrected daily by wireless impulse sent from Washington at noon.

In the report of the Radium Institute it is said that corns and warts can be removed by an exposure to the rays of I to 11 hours' duration, and after they are cured the tendency to return is very slight.

Cigarette boxes to accord with the profession of the owner—decorations of ivory masks for the actor, a book-shaped box on which rests an ivory quill for the author—are displayed in the Paris shops this spring.

Two delegates of the Coal and Shale Employees' Federation, desiring to attend a Bolshevik conference in Moscow, have left Australia secretly, shipping as members of the crew of a steamer to avoid passport difficulties.

Sir Barton Chadwick, who recently condemned the Chatham pigeon shooting match, introduced a Bill into the House of Commons to prohibit the use of captive birds in all shooting carried on under artificial conditions.

During the celebration of Mass at St. George's Church, Taunton, Somerset, Mr. John Colthole, a prominent member of the congregation, collapsed and died in his wife's arms. He was more than 80 years old. Death was due to heart failure.

The funeral of the German Communist Suet (who was recently shot at police headquarters), cost the Berlin ratepayers 1,000,000 marks (normally £50,000), as 20,000 municipal employees who attended had to be paid for the time thus lost.

A mile a minute three-decker tramp capable of carrying two and a half tons is the latest aerial wonder constructed by order of the Air Ministry and is regarded as the predecessor of the other air lorry of the future for competing with trains for commercial transport.

Some talker. The report of the decision of the Court of Appeal in the Wakeford case states that the Lord Chancellor delivered the judgment of 16,000 words in about half an hour. Count it 40 minutes, that is 400 words a minute! What will the rate be when a woman becomes Chancellor?

A remarkable record of long service is possessed by three employees of the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway at Ashford, who are just retiring. William Salmons has served 59 years in the signal fitting department, Joshua Salmons, his brother, a guard, has 61 years to his credit, and C. J. Pepper, a telegraphist, is retiring after 50 years' service.

Dr. Chow was fined \$5 by Magistrate Lindsell this morning for driving a motor car in Kennedy Road without a permit. Dr. Chow sent a message that he was called to an urgent case by some ladies who had come for him personally. This appeared to be an answer to the police suggestion that it was a "joy-ride" and not a professional visit. Inspector Garrod suggested that the car, when the ladies were in it, was proceeding away from No. 24 where the patient was, but, as Dr. Chow was not able to be in Court, that point was not cleared up. The Magistrate said the defendant had only to apply for a permanent permit to obtain one for professional purposes.

An incident at the Star Ferry Wharf in Connaught Road Central was mentioned before Magistrate Lindsell, this morning, when the Chinese driver of motor car 396 was summoned for reckless driving. Inspector Garrod said that two Europeans were standing under the lamp, in the centre of the road and the car knocked down one of them, a Portuguese clerk in the Chartered Bank. The Inspector asked for an adjournment until next Tuesday, as this witness was understood to be away at Macao, and this was granted. The defendant asserted that the European said he was "all right" and was not much hurt.

MARINE MISDOINGS.

Fines of five dollars, with the alternative of a week's jail, were imposed upon a Chinese boatman and a cargo boat mistress who figured in the Marine Court to-day before the Marine Magistrate (Lieutenant Conway Hake R.N.R.). They were charged with having been the outside boats of more than five boats which were alongside the s.s. "Laen Samud" yesterday. The regulation under which the defendants were prosecuted was framed with the object of keeping the harbour clear for traffic. It provides that not more than five junks on each side may hitch up to a steamer at the same time.

A cargo boat master and two cargo boat mistresses were fined \$10 each, or 14 days' imprisonment for going alongside the s.s. "Loong-sang" before police permission had been given.

Mr. Leo Bergholtz, American Consul-General at Canton, who has been on furlough, is expected to arrive early in June by the s.s. "Columbia."

Owing to last Saturday's concert having been cancelled, Mischa Elman has decided to give a farewell performance on Saturday evening in addition to the concert on Friday.

The astounding news of the demand from the Lisbon Government of nine million dollars from the Macao Treasury and the stoppage of Macao Harbour works, already in progress, has caused general indignation among the Portuguese community, says a *China Mail* reader.

The Bureau of Education of the Canton Municipality, aiming to unite all the educational organisations and schools in the city so as to map out definite plans for better education among the children, has notified the Police Department to co-operate in the work of gathering statistics regarding private educational institutions and public schools and colleges of the city. A record will be kept of all the schools, their attendance, and the subjects taught.

The manager of the Canton branch of the Bank of China has returned from Hongkong and is consulting with Mr. Yuk-kon, the new Commissioner of Finance, with a view to reopening the branch which was closed after the withdrawal of the Kwangsi militarists last year. It is expected that substantial funds will be appropriated for the redemption of the bank notes issued by the branch office which are now at very great discount, says the *Canton Times*.

CANTON AND HONGKONG

GOVERNOR'S APOLOGY.

COLONIAL SECRETARY CONFIRMS REPORT.

This morning a *China Mail* reporter approached the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Dr. Claud Severn C.M.G.) in regard to the statement which appeared in the *Canton Times* and was reprinted by us yesterday to the effect that the Governor of Hongkong had expressed regret for the notifications which were issued by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Mr. S. B. C. Ross) on the occasion of the inauguration of Dr. Sun Wen as President of the Republic of China.

Questioned as to the accuracy of the report the Colonial Secretary stated that it was quite correct. Such a communication had been forwarded by His Excellency to the British Consul General at Canton and he

(the Colonial Secretary) understood that it was to have been handed to the Sun Wen Government for publication. An important part about His Excellency's observations was that they related only to the wording of the notifications and not to the principles involved.

As the result of a fall while attempting to alight from a tram car while in motion yesterday, a Chinese is now in the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his face and hands.

Found hanging by a piece of rope from a window beam in a house in Saiwanho, Shaokwan, the remains of a young Chinese woman were yesterday removed to the public mortuary. According to her husband, the woman had been depressed for some time owing to illness, and must have committed suicide in a fit of despair.

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HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT.

FURTHER STATISTICS.

British river steamers have decreased by 364 ships with an increase in tonnage of 3,204 tons or 6.8 per cent. in numbers and 0.1 per cent. in tonnage. The decrease in ships is due to the s.s. "Chuen Chow" being laid up during the latter part of the year and to the s.s. "Hoi Ming" being transferred to the Chinese flag. The increase in tonnage is due to the alteration in tonnage of the s.s. "Fat Shan," "Kin Shan," and "Heng Shan."

Foreign Ocean-going Vessels have increased by 144 ships with an increase of 1,597,729 tons or 27 per cent. in numbers and 20.9 per cent. in tonnage. This is due to the large amount of American vessels frequenting the port to enemy vessels being sold or transferred to foreign ship owners and also to several newly-built Chinese and Norwegian vessels being put on the Coastal trade.

Foreign river steamers show an increase of 142 ships with a decrease in tonnage of 14,097 tons or 8.9 per cent. in numbers and 2.4 per cent. in tonnage. This is due to the s.s. "Hoi Ming" formerly British owned being transferred to the Chinese flag, being now named the s.s. "Ting Sing," also to two newly-built steamers the s.s. "Lung Kwong" and "Kong Chow" being put on the West River run. The decrease in tonnage is due to the s.s. "Ting Sing" being laid up for the best part of the year, also to the s.s. "Wah On" being seized by the Cantonese Government and a number of Chinese vessels being unable to run frequently owing to hostilities in the West River waters.

STEAM-LAUNCHES.

On December 31, 1920, there were 362 steam-launches (including licensed motor boats) employed in the harbour. Of these, 316 were licensed for the conveyance of passengers, etc. 24 were the property of the Colonial Government, and 22 belonged to the Imperial Government, comprising 4 Military and 18 Naval. In addition to the above there were 33 motor boats privately owned for pleasure and private purposes.

Four coxswains' certificates were suspended for incompetence or negligence in the performance of their duties; one for four months and two for one month each; the holders of these three, were required to pass a further examination after expiration of the period of their suspension, before their certificates were returned, and one was suspended until the holder should pass a further examination.

Four hundred and ninety-two (492) engagements and four hundred and eighty-eight (488) discharges of Masters and Engineers were made during the year.

Seven steam-launches were permitted to carry arms for their protection against pirates.

EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION.

During 1920, 105,258 emigrants left Hongkong for various places. (69,969 in 1919). Of these, 70,234 were carried in British ships, and 35,024 in foreign ships. 122,438 returning emigrants were reported

to have been brought to Hongkong from the several places to which they had emigrated either from this Colony or from Coast ports, as against 136,020 in 1919. Of these, 87,766 arrived in British ships and 34,672 in Foreign ships.

REGISTRY, ETC., OF SHIPPING.

During the year, 23 ships were registered under the provisions of the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act, and 10 Certificates of Registry cancelled. 282 documents, etc., were dealt with in connection with the Act, the fees on which amounted to 1,757.00 as compared with \$1,351.00 in 1919.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Two hundred cases were heard in the Marine Magistrate's Court (167 in 1919). Breach of Harbour Regulations, boarding ships without permission, failing to observe the rule of the road, making fast to steamers while under way, neglecting to exhibit the regulation lights, being in Causeway Bay Harbour of Refuge without permit, being within 100 yards from low water mark during prohibited hours without permit and carrying passengers in excess were the principal offences. Fines amounted to \$3,507.51 (\$5,254.10 in 1919).

SUNDAY CARGO-WORKING.

There were 1,010 permits issued during the year under Ordinance No. 1 of 1891, as compared with 1,122 in 1919. Of these, 342 were not used as the ships did not arrive up to time, and in some cases it was found unnecessary to work cargo on the Sunday. The Revenue collected under this head amounted to \$115,350 as against \$108,900 in 1919 showing an increase of \$6,450.

NEW TERRITORIES.

The Revenue collected by this Department from the New Territories during the year was \$27,978.95 as compared with \$30,625.30 in 1919.

WAGLAN LIGHTHOUSE.

During 1920, 2,539 vessels were reported by telegraph from this station. Of this number, 491 were signalled by Morse Lamp. 213 vessels were not reported owing to telegraphic communication being interrupted. 2,262 telegraphic messages were sent including meteorological observations for the Royal Observatory, and 521 messages were received. There were 353 hours and 22 minutes of fog during the year, and the fog signal was fired 6,232 times.

Telegraphic communication was maintained throughout the year with the exception of 15 complete days when the cable was broken, and 6 complete days owing to faults in cables, and a few short interruptions caused by the land line being in contact with telephone wires.

On two occasions the relief was delayed by rough sea.

The Peak Signal Station re-opened again in full working order since June 22, 1920. For the period ending December 31, 1920, 1,932 ships were reported by signals. The Gun Signal denoting the arrival of mail steamers was resumed on August 14, 1920, and has been fired 39 times.

GOVERNMENT HARBOUR MOORINGS.

There are at present laid down in the harbour for the use of Shipping frequenting the Port 50 sets of Government Moorings which are classed as follows:-

- A. Class Moorings 11
- B. " " 15
- C. " " 24

No new moorings were laid down during the year or new buoys contracted for, but a further demand for the 3 classes is anticipated, which will have to be provided for later.

During the year 1920, 22 moorings were lifted and relaid after necessary repairs had been effected. Extensive repairs were carried out on 11 mooring buoys.

GREEN ISLAND.

During the year 1920, 1,421 vessels were signalled and reported. In addition 537 messages were sent and 46 received. Owing to telephonic communication being interrupted during the year 32 vessels were not reported.

Kip Sang Lighthouse has been regularly inspected and has worked satisfactorily throughout the year.

28 mooring buoys were disconnected from their moorings, thoroughly soaked, painted and re-connected to moorings.

The total expenditure on upkeep of Government Moorings and Buoys for the year was \$18,191.74.

The gross revenue for the year \$75,448 compared with \$69,440 in 1919 and \$51,915 in 1916.

MERCHANT MARINE OFFICE.

34,616 seamen were shipped and 33,233 discharged at the Merchant Marine Office and on board ships during the year, compared with 31,912 shipped and 23,556 discharged during 1919.

57 distressed seamen were received and admitted to Sailors' Home and Boarding House; of these 17 were sent Home, 2 to Calcutta, 1 to Port Said, 3 to Sydney, 2 to Vancouver, 3 passengers to Canton, 1 to Poochow, 1 disappeared, 1 died in Hospital and 26 obtained employment.

\$1,386.29 was expended by the Harbour Master on behalf of the Board of Trade on the relief of these distressed seamen.

MARINE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

The total number of vessels surveyed for passenger certificate and bottom inspection in 1920 was 139 vessels of 37,920 gross tons, 55 being surveyed at Kowloon Docks, 43 at Tai Koo Dockyard, 7 at Cosmopolitan, 3 at Aberdeen Dock, and 17 on Chinese slipways; the remainder being surveyed in the harbour on bottom Certificate previously granted at Hongkong or Shanghai.

Emigration surveys were held on 52 British and 72 Foreign Steamships, as compared with 47 British and 58 Foreign Steamships in the previous year.

SUPERSTITIONS.

MAGPIES.

To see one magpie is not so bad, though you may expect no good luck for some time thereafter. To see two magpies is a sign that some enterprise you are engaged in is likely to have an unfortunate ending, or at least that its success will hang a long time in the balance. Three magpies seen together is a most unfavourable omen.

This is a common superstition in northern Europe, including the British Isles, and in this country. Sailors on shore have gloom forebodings when they see three magpies. Sir Walter Scott tells of a seaman who said to him, "I never saw three magpies but twice. One of those times I nearly lost my vessel and the other time I fell off my horse and was badly hurt. All the world knows that one magpie is bad, two are worse and three the very devil."

Our superstition in this country regarding magpies is an inheritance from German and Scandinavian folklores. In the days when witches flourished they were accustomed to hold high carnival on Walpurgis night—the night before the first May—and at that time the said witches used to transform themselves into magpies and—according to the Scandinavian mythology—fly to Blakulle to consult the devil. In fact these birds are suspected of having relations with the Spirit of Evil at other times and to-day when the magpies bolt, the Swedish peasants will say that they have been to Blakulle to help the devil get in his hay and his yoke has worn the feathers off their necks.

Much water has passed over the dam since the magpies flew to Blakulle: of the thousands who view the omen of three magpies askance how many ever heard of the place of the legend? Yet this most reprehensible custom of the birds in the dim days of old has given them an evil reputation which, apparently, they will never be able to shake off.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of the Hongkong Horticultural Society for the year ending March 31, 1921 is as follows:-

The Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables was held in the Botanic Gardens on March 3. The weather for the two previous months had been favourable for both flowers and vegetables and resulted in some very fine exhibits being staged. The number of exhibits was not however up to that of recent years owing to the absence from the Colony of several regular exhibitors. The day of the show was warm and gloomy and resulted in a poor attendance. His Excellency Sir R. E. Stubbs visited the show and Lady Stubbs presented the prizes. Among the exhibits specially worthy of mention were: Roses by Mr. R. A. Nicholson and Mr. T. E. Pearce, Sweet Peas by Mr. T. E. Pearce, Carnations by Sir Paul Chater, Nasturtium by Sir Robert Ho Tung, Antirrhinum by Mr. Ho Kom Tong, and two fine collections of Vegetables by Mr. Ho Kom Tong and the Hongkong Club.

The "Grape Hyacinth," *Muscari botryoides* was exhibited for the first time in Hongkong—by Mr. R. A. Nicholson. The Show was held for one day only, the Committee having decided that the second day was not worth the extra expense. The Committee wish to express their thanks to Miss Wallace who undertook the selection and arrangement of the special Prizes and who also did a large amount of writing involved in the prize distribution—to

the Cricket Club for the loan of a tent, to the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police for Police arrangements, and to the Superintendent and Staff of the Botanic Gardens for much help on the show ground, they also wish to record their thanks to those who undertook the arduous and onerous duty of judging the exhibits.

A sale of flowers was held at the Show for the North China Famine Relief Fund. Mrs. Harrington kindly took charge of the Sale. The flowers sold were largely supplied by Mr. Ho Kom Tong and by Mr. R. A. Nicholson. The sum of \$389.95 was realized and was paid to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, for the credit of the fund.

With the hope of extending the usefulness of the Society, the Committee has endeavoured to arrange for the publication of pamphlets on various gardening subjects, the first of the series—"Rose growing in Hongkong" by Mr. R. A. Nicholson has been published, the cost of printing being generously defrayed by Mr. Ho Kom Tong. It has been issued free to members of the Society and is on sale to the public for 50 cents a copy.

The Committee have to record with regret the loss through death of one of their members, Mr. E. J. Noronha has been for some years a steady supporter of the Society and a regular attendant at the Committee Meetings where his help and advice will be much missed.

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Bogey Pool competition of the R.H.K.C.C. was played over Old Course at Fanling on May 21, 22 and 23 and was won by Mr. A. S. Lindsell who returned a card of "2 down" to Bogey. Another member returned a card of "2 down" but was disqualified as he had taken his score when playing in a Four Ball Match.

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